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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT - SINN FEIN TALKS CONTINUE

1. SECSTATE REES FEB. 3 CONFIRMED RUMORS THAT NORTHERN IRELAND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAD MET REPRESENTATIVES PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN TWICE SINCE CEASEFIRE ENDED. REES POINTED OUT OFFICIALS HAD MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES MANY ORGANIZATIONS WITH DIFFERENT POINTS VIEW (INCLUDING ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION AND ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE) AND THAT OFFICIALS READY MEET REPRESENTATIVES ANY ORGANIZATION SO LONG AS IT NOT RPT NOT PROSCRIBED. HE STATED RECENT TALKS WITH SINN FEIN WERE AT LATTER REQUEST FOR PURPOSES CLARIFYING GOVERNMENT POLICY. OBSERVERS BELIEVE GARDINER REPORT INCLUDED THESE DISCUSSIONS.

2. SEVENTEEN MAN UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST COALITION (UUUC) DELEGATION INCLUDING OFFICIAL UNIONIST HARRY WEST AND DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST IAN PAISLEY BUT NOT RPT NOT INCLUDING VANGUARD UNIONIST WILLIAM CRAIG MET REES EVENING FEB. 3. WEST REPORTEDLY STATED AFTER MEETING DELEGATION SOUGHT ASSURANCES THAT NOT RPT NOT FORTHCOMING THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD CEASE TALKS WITH PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN. MEETING REES-PAISLEY DESCRIBED AS CORDIAL.

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3. SECSTATE REES SIGNED SEVEN ORDERS FOR DETENTION SIX

REPUBLICAN MEN AND ONE WOMAN FEB. 3. MOST ARRESTED NEW
LODGE AREA BELFAST ON SUSPICION IMPLICATION BOMBINGS BELFAST
CITY CENTER. THESE FIRST DETENTION ORDERS SINCE DEC. 22.
SEVEN LOYALISTS ARRESTED FEB. 3 IN SWOOPS SHANKILL ROAD AREA
AND ULSTER VOLUNTEER POLITICAL PARTY CONDEMNED ARRESTS AS
BEING HARRASSMENT OF LOYALISTS IDENTIFIED BY THEIR WILLINGNESS
PARTICIPATION TALKS WITH STORMONT OFFICIALS. REES REPORTEDLY
GAVE SECURITY FORCES GREEN LIGHT TO RESUME FULL CAMPAIGN AGAINST
TERRORISTS FEB. 3.

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